Reply of Government.—A very healthy private trade has sprung up since the abolition of these depots. The re-establishment will strangle private enterprise and affect a large body of labouring classes who eke out a living by retailing head loads and cart-loads of fuel. Moreover it is not the function of the Forest Deparment to supply produce at the doors of consumers. Such business is best left to middlemen.

Subject No. 564.

Opening of a Sanskrit Patasala at Goribidnur.

Mr. Chikkannaiya, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Though many representations were made to the Education Department for the opening of a Sanskrit Patasala at Goribidnur, no notice has been taken of it. It is therefore requested that the matter may be favorably considered by Government.

Reply of Government.—If there is such zeal, a school may be started privately and application made for a grant-in-aid.

Subject No. 565.

Levy of contribution from raiyats for the restoration of two large tanks attached to Gowdagere.

Mr. H. Krishnachar, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There are two large tanks attached to Gowdagere, the revenue of each being Rs. 550. They will be in a dangerous condition during the rainy season as the bund and sluice are out of repair. It has been ordered by Government that unless the contribution amount payable by raiyats is deposited in the treasury no repairs would be undertaken. Though some of the raiyats agree to pay their quota of contribution, Government are not pleased to restore them on account of failure of others. As the Honnappanaballi tank has been recently restored at a cost of Rs. 3,000 and its safety depends upon the aforesaid two tanks and as they are all situated above the railway line, it is requested that the contribution may be caused to be recovered by attachment and sale of the defaulters' property and early orders passed for the restoration of the said two tanks.

Reply of Government.—The Public Works Department will be asked to report. The Deputy Commissioner will also be asked to take action under the new rules.

Subject No. 566.

Proposals for the repair of the Mulbagal-Goribidnur road passing through the Hirebidnur tank.

Mr. Chikkannaiya, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Mulbagal-Goribidnur road passes through the middle part of the water-spread of Hirebidnur tank. Both sides of the road are cut up by waves and the road is undergoing repairs by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs. 200 or 300, either every year or in alternate years. If the cost of a single repair be laid out for altering the road for two furlongs, Government will save the expenses of its constant repairs and the tank will be able to hold more water for the benefit of the raiyats. The matter may therefore receive favorable consideration of Government.

Reply of Government.—This will be investigated by the Public Works Department.